

GREETING

With this issue of the Torrance Herald its management is taken over by the undersigned.

Changes of ownership of certain interests carry with them this new control. While by no means a stranger in your community, this statement of policy is meant only as a continued assurance that our purpose in the newspaper field here is to aid in building Torrance and vicinity.

There will be in time, many changes in methods and matter—many new things which will be meant and carried through as improvements, limited only by the acceptability of the paper to the people.

As to local policy, there will be only one: The best thing for Torrance. The Herald will never arrogate the right to decide what is best, but proposes to support the policies of the organizations which are devoted to the upbuilding of the community. A strong Chamber of Commerce means an active and progressive business center, and this district is most worthy represented in this respect. Its aims will be supported uniformly, its methods upheld.

Politically the Herald will be, while under this management, independent in principle. Believing that the best interests of all the people in a growing, thriving community lie along the lines supporting the things that elevate the standards of its citizenship and increase the returns to its working men, this paper will stand for the principles that will maintain and develop the industries of this section.

The Herald will be found the friend of every man whose business is an honest one, whose personal ambitions do not run counter to the genius of our city's growth and betterment. It earnestly hopes its only enemies will be those who seek self-advancement to the detriment of the public good.

It is the single-hearted intention of the management to make this paper the standard of the best things in the community, to always keep it clean and wholesome, to maintain an open forum for every citizen, to speak for the entire citizenship rather than for self, sect or section.

Personalities will never find a place in these columns, save when demands of public policy make it imperative. Certainly we hope to be too busy for small and petty airings of feeling. We shall welcome criticism and advice, and find our greatest satisfaction in the knowledge of service performed.

The Herald expects to earn the friendship and patronage of the business community by rendering service. When we are convinced that we cannot help in the work of upbuilding, of making for a bigger and better Torrance, we shall cease to be.

Only by growth may we all hope to prosper. The success of our neighbors and their appreciation of our honest efforts alone will enable us to make this paper a credit to the community, a thing of profit to us.

C. P. ROBERTS.

I have disposed of my interest in the Torrance Herald to Mr. C. P. Roberts, who has proved his ability to put out a good paper, and the Herald therefore goes into good hands. Founded in 1913, when Torrance was only a year old, the Herald has continued uninterruptedly to date, and it is with the greatest regret that I am forced to relinquish the Torrance Herald.

Thanking my many friends for their faithful support, I am,
Sincerely yours,
A. H. KNUTSON.

BALL GAME SATURDAY

A baseball game is to be played Saturday at 2:30 on the Torrance grounds between the Pacific Sash and Door Company and the Union Tool team. This is the second game between these teams. Come out and root for your home team and help them to win.

The Women's Benefit Association of the Maccebees will hold their regular meeting next Tuesday evening, March 28th, at Legion Hall. After the meeting the regular card party will be held.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

Consolidation of the Torrance Herald and Torrance Enterprise has resulted in the discontinuance of the latter, and from this date you will receive the Herald for the unexpired term of your subscription to the Enterprise. Former Herald subscribers will be continued as heretofore.

The same character of news, the same progressive spirit and the same loyalty to our thriving community will be continued as heretofore.

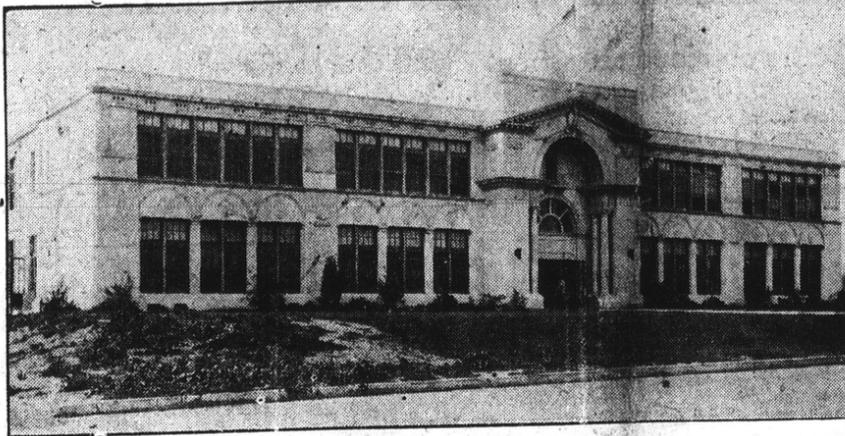
C. P. ROBERTS, Editor.

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Torrance High School



TORRANCE SCHOOL NOTES

On Tuesday the school was visited by Dr. Edwards, head of the Nature Study Department of the Los Angeles City Schools. His coming is always hailed with delight by the pupils, old and young, and his interesting story was full of thrills.

Many interesting athletic contests have been staged this week between various classes. After losing a baseball game to the fifth grade, the seventh grade boys challenged them to a basketball game and were able to score heavily against them. In a game between the eighth and ninth grade boys the eighth grade won, but the seventh and eighth grades are playing a series of games to settle their respective standings.

Monday afternoon the High School girls met the seventh grade girls in a close game, which the High School succeeded in winning by a score of 22 to 21.

The boys hand ball team is practicing diligently this week, having secured two practice games with Gardena and one with the All Stars of the Union Tool Co. Benefits from a show on Saturday afternoon added to the fund for suits for the team.

OPEN CLEARING HOUSE

Secretary H. D. Pottenger of the Chamber of Commerce has recommended that the local organization act as a clearing house, and his suggestion is good and timely. Those desiring to rent or sell their homes, strangers who want to gain knowledge and information of Torrance, or those who want to leave Torrance, will be glad to receive here, and in this way stimulate the co-operative spirit.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Mrs. J. H. Fess and sons were week-end guests of Mrs. Fess' cousin and mother, Mrs. A. E. Shugg, at El Monte. They attended the El Monte pioneer pageant Saturday and Sunday. All towns as far away as Ontario participated in this celebration, the parade being two miles long. The festivities were brilliant and the celebration represented a century, from 1822 to 1922. In 1849, or the early days, El Monte was the end of the old Santa Fe trail.

BOY SCOUTS SPRUCE UP

The Torrance Boy Scouts are to have new uniforms. All have been measured and the boys are very anxious to have their new togs. There is something new in Torrance every day, but just wait until you see thirty-six boys in full Scout uniforms, then you will take notice.

OIL WELL COMES IN

A fine grade of light gravity oil flowed from the Dominguez Well No. 1 west of Torrance yesterday, and excitement was again revived when the news reached here. Drilling was stopped immediately, it is said, and cementing off begun.

SEVENTY MORE OIL WELLS

Information from a semi-official source says that within the next sixty or ninety days there will be at least seventy or seventy-five more oil derricks in this vicinity.

UNION TOOL EMPLOYEES' DANCE

The employees of the Union Tool Company put across one of the biggest dances and entertainments ever staged in Torrance last Wednesday evening. The American Legion Hall was packed to capacity—in fact, the walls fairly bulged with merry-makers, but everyone had a good time, from the Mayor of Torrance and the heads of departments of the Union Tool right on down through the rank and file of the organization, not excepting the general public.

The net proceeds of the party are to be placed in a revolving fund from which the employee who is "down on his luck" can borrow and repay at his convenience when he is able to stand on his own feet again, either in installments or lump sum. The main object of a fund of this character is to obviate the almost universal custom of "passing the hat" for the employee who is in urgent need of financial assistance through a siege of sickness or even more sorrowful occasions of himself or in his family. At such times many people need something more than sympathy or flowers, and this fund is there as something substantial against which the employee in real distress can lean.

At this writing we are unable to give the whole details as to how disbursements or loans will be made, but we are assured that a little fund of this kind will do a world of good, especially as it gets around a employee being virtually compelled to accept the charity so graciously and cheerfully rendered by his fellow-employees in his time of distress or bereavement.

To get back to the dance, though, the program was carried out without a hitch. The Glee Club sang a number of wonderful selections, and the duet sung by two of its members was very heartily applauded. The concessions rivaled those of a County Fair or a Venice, and many a stray twenty cents was added to the fund in some of our vain efforts to win a prize. We gamble that Harry Double, Ben Smith, et al, have missed their calling. They should be manipulating a wheel of fortune and the accompanying paddles at Coney Island.

Alderman Joseph F. Stone and Eskimo Pie went hand in glove. All Joe needed was a little steam whistle, a long mustache, earrings and a popcorn wagon. A number of merry-makers were wondering whether Hon. George Smith had ever occupied the legal bench. Offenders brought before him—and there were many, we had no idea so many malefactors could be congregated in one place at one time—say, his piercing eye and judicial men were true attributes of the police court justice. At any rate, the fines clapped onto the large number called before the august presence of Judge Smith added another tidy sum to the fund.

As policeman Mayor Proctor, Andy Colemauer and George Watson exemplify the qualifications of first-class clam diggers. Ben Hanabrink thought the mayor wanted to wrestle and proceeded accordingly, as did W. C. Von Hagen, much to the delight of the onlookers. Mr. Von Hagen was awarded a fall in less than three seconds. The hard-working and conscientious police force did their duty as far as they could, and then called upon the citizenry when it came to putting Bill Klusman in jail. Bill was all over the jail, top, bottom and all four sides, and the crowd got an awful kick out of seeing him and our genial merchant prince, Sam Pappaport, together behind bars of steel.

All Torrance was there, two-thirds of Los Angeles and portion of Watts, Redondo Beach and other (town) within a radius of twenty miles, and all are wondering when there will be another dance put on. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Skinner of the El Prado Apartments, visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Wheat of Lankersheim. While there Mrs. Skinner addressed the Methodist Missionary Society on her travel in the Orient.

DEATH OF P. P. MOSES

Philo P. Moses, president of the California Carbon Company, passed away Tuesday morning, the 21st, at his residence, 1754 Arlington avenue, in the 75th year of his age. Several days ago he had the "flu," but he was well on the way to recovery and had been out during the past few days. The end came suddenly and unexpectedly. He leaves a widow and daughter in Torrance. Funeral services were at Inglewood Chapel Thursday at 2 p. m.

Mr. Moses was a pioneer in the manufacture of carbons and electrodes, having built five carbon plants that were taken over by the National Carbon Company, and was considered a leading expert in that line of business. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and during the past few years had spent considerable of his time in California.

The loss of Mr. Moses will be mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of Masonic lodge in Noblesville, Ind.

HOUSE IS MOVED

Frank Sammons sold his house north of his warehouse to the Pacific Electric. It has been moved to Portola street and is being newly painted and remodeled.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS

The regular meeting of the Royal Neighbors will be held next Wednesday evening, March 29, at Legion Hall. Every officer is urged to be present.

CATHOLIC DANCE

The Catholic dance given last Friday evening, March 17, was a great success. There was a very large crowd and all enjoyed a most delightful evening.

STANDARD WELL WORKING

The Torrance Holding Company's thirty acres is the scene of action in oil development and rapid progress is being made on this property to prove its worth as an oil district. The progress will be keenly watched.

DIRECTORS' MEETING

The Chamber of Commerce directors met as usual Tuesday at noon and many new problems were up for discussion. Secretary Pottenger has already proven himself a live wire and willing to take the initiative in the development of Torrance from all angles.

REMODELING OFFICES

Offices of the Dominguez Land Corporation in the old post office building are being remodeled and rearranged for an expansion of the business that already is here. The general offices were moved to Torrance two weeks ago, necessitating more room. The entire building will be occupied by the Land Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Evans of Los Angeles were guests Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Harris of Vista Highlands.

FREE MEAL TICKETS

St Rappaport, manager of the Torrance Toggery, is handing out meal tickets this week, and they don't cost you a cent. These tickets, however, cannot be used at restaurants, but they are convertible into having your suit of clothes pressed once a month for a year, provided you buy your next spring or summer suit here. St says he has reduced the price of Hart, Shaffer & Marc suits so low that it already has created quite a stir among his customers and finds that nothing stimulates sales so much as small profits on nationally advertised suits.

Patronize Our Advertisers!

Torrance Theatre Country Store Night Becomes Popular Affair

Showing to a packed house, Tuesday night's first performance at the Torrance Theatre proved one of the most interesting since the opening of this popular playhouse.

Torrance merchants donated over sixty prizes, carrying a value of not more than six bits, and it was this feature of the program that everyone anticipated. Manager McVey proved that the humorous side of his personality was well developed when the crowd began to read his comical signs hung about the theatre that caused dull care to break forth in grins.

At the conclusion of the first performance, a drawing contest was conducted from the stage when a large bowl containing duplicate numbers of those held by some eight hundred guests were read off and the lucky holders were asked to come to the front and claim their prize. Everything from a bank account to a sack of wood, a hair cut and shave, jewelry, massages, etc., were given away, but the "scream" of the evening reached a climax when a lady drew a shave and a haircut at the Murray Barber Shop. Country Store nights are becoming popular and always get the crowds, as the management gives away valuable merchandise once a week. Its good fellowship that is created among the merchants and the guests of the theatre that makes these special features at the theatre a valuable asset to any community. Here we go to be entertained and forget the daily hum drum, and it is the desire of Mr. and Mrs. McVey to provide entertainment that is wholesome, jovial, and create an atmosphere in the theatre that is pleasing and lasting; and in this respect they deserve the highest compliments for their endeavors. What profession is more dignified and elevating than that of offering amusement, entertainment, and pleasant surroundings—this is the calling of the McVey's—and they are making good.

SPECIAL SALE GOING ON

Sam Levy, dealer in men's and ladies' wear, and proprietor of two stores in Torrance, has distributed several thousand paper bills this week, and is offering the public some exceptional values both at his gent's furnishing store and Smart Shoppe, the latter being exclusive ladies' wear. As an advance notice to his customers of Easter goods, you are informed that the spring fashions and showings may be seen at either of these stores. Spend your money in Torrance and build a city.

NEW HOME GOING UP

Ground is being broken this week on lot 7, block 15, better known as No. 1533 Barlow street, for the construction of a one and a half story bungalow for Mr. M. L. May, sales manager for the Dominguez Land Corporation. Mr. May is residing in Los Angeles at present, and stated that he is looking forward with a good deal of pleasure to the time when he can take an active part in the social activities of this community. He has been identified with its business activities a long time.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

Torrance Woman's Club will meet at Legion Hall on Monday, March 27th at 2:30 o'clock. There will be a delightful program and some time will be given to discussing the coming District Convention.

TO FRISCO

Harry Dolley, city treasurer of Torrance and proprietor of the Dolley Drug Store, is in San Francisco this week. He will return today.

MUSIC BY WIRELESS

The world's latest news and musical selections can be heard over the wireless station at Lyon's Electric Store, Torrance. Free entertainment every Wednesday evening.

EXCURSION SATURDAY MARCH 25

"EDEN AND RETURN"
Adults ----- 22c
Children ----- 10c
2:30 6:30 8:30
TORRANCE THEATRE

SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE ARE REGISTERED

NO PROTEST ON STREET ASSESSMENT PROCEEDING MADE

Trustees in regular meeting on Tuesday evening, March 1, the date set to receive written or oral protests on the street assessment portion of contemplated improvement in Carson and Arlington, receiving no protests, passed a resolution that the work proceed. Progress on this is now over until the results of the coming bond election are known.

Mr. Hare, a resident on Arlington, asked for information as to the right-of-way which had been held on Arlington by the Pacific Electric, and was informed by the engineer that that matter had been thoroughly investigated before the present proceeding was instituted, and it was found that the rights of way held by the P. E. on Marcelina, Arlington and Carson had been decided to the county, and that possession had passed to the City of Torrance upon incorporation.

Mr. Hare also asked if the Willite paving was in experimental stage, and was informed that since Willite was but one form of asphaltic concrete paving that it was not in experimental stages, and, further, that the peculiar Willite mixture, the addition of copper sulphate to the asphalt, has long since passed the experimental stage in New York State, Canada and other eastern districts where the test of changing temperatures is terrific, and locally on Nigger Slough and on a portion of the Ridge Route, where the paving has proved an entire success, and that now, after test, is being laid on a long stretch of state highway in the Imperial Valley.

Mr. Hare also asked the trustees position on the ruling of the State Railroad Commission, which orders an increase of rates charged by the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company, and was informed that the trustees had filed an objection to the increase of rates at the hearing, and that while that protest including report of tests made on city water lines and reasons for objecting to an increase, the Railroad Commission had seen fit to raise the rates on everything except the fire hydrants, and that there was nothing further which could be done until the new rates had been in effect some time, when any excess profit or inefficient operation could be made the basis for an appeal.

Mr. Le Beont, a member of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Gates, both residents in the Keystone district, addressed the board and asked their approval on plan to be put before the Regional Planning Commission and the County Supervisors for the opening of Carson street to connect with the truck boulevard at Alameda street on the east side of the Dominguez Hills. The endorsement was heartily given and the engineer and attorney instructed to communicate with the supervisors and the Keystone representatives stating the recommendations of the trustees. Petitions are now being circulated in Torrance, and the hope was expressed that everyone get behind this very excellent idea.

Report was made that there was registration of 723 voters, and the clerk was instructed to write Mrs. Miller and express the appreciation of the board for her conscientious work in the short time she had for registration.

After routine reports of standing committees and transaction of detail business, meeting adjourned to next regular meeting, the first Tuesday in April.

C. OF C. MOVED

The Chamber of Commerce now occupy their new offices in the City Hall, where the Dominguez Land Corporation were formerly located. New furniture and fixtures grace the room and adds strength to the slogan, "Torrance Means Business."

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Skinner had as their guest over the week-end Mrs. H. S. Sample of Iowa City, Iowa.

A MODERN PRINTING PLANT

Before another week has passed Torrance will have a printing establishment that is unequalled in Southern California for weekly publications. Already machinery is being moved in to complete the equipment of the Herald office, and ere long the very latest Linotype machine on the market today will be shipped in.

Type setting machines, cylinder presses, job presses, paper cutters, stapling machines, type saws, etc., are on the floor now, and we have just started. It is our aim to make this publication the "mirror" of your city, and make it a good one.